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January 24, 2000

Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4956

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of New Hampshire Public Television ("NHPTV"), we hereby request that a deadline of February 4, 2000 be established for it to respond to the complaint by "LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods" in the above-referenced matter. Attached hereto is a facsimile copy of the respondent's Statement of Designation of Counsel; the original will be filed, with the original of this letter, as soon as it reaches Washington.

NHPTV operates the public television stations licensed to the University of New Hampshire ("UNH"). UNH is a public educational institution that is a part of the University System of New Hampshire. NHPTV is governed by a Board of Governors which serves as a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees of the University System of New Hampshire and UNH.

The complaint was filed against NHPTV, the publisher of the Union Leader newspaper, and New [England] Cable News, the three joint sponsors of a debate held on the UNH campus on January 5, 2000 between two candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. The complainant alleges that sponsorship of the debate by NHPTV constituted an expenditure prohibited by 2 U.S.C. 441b on behalf of a candidate for president. The complaint correctly listed the address of NHPTV on the UNH campus. The Commission, however, sent notification of the complaint to the attention of a former president of the University of New Hampshire Foundation, Inc., a non-profit charitable foundation which supports the University. That foundation was not involved as a sponsor of or in any other way in the debate at issue. The notification was eventually redirected to a current official of the University of New Hampshire Foundation, Inc. and then forwarded to the general counsel's office at UNH, where it was received on January 20, 2000. UNH immediately notified NHPTV and retained undersigned counsel.

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NHPTV submits that a response deadline of February 4, 2000 — 15 days after receipt of the Commission's notification by an official of the respondent — is appropriate. NHPTV requires the normal response time in order to prepare a thorough response which will assist the Commission in disposing of the complaint properly. We note that the debate at issue has already occurred, and we represent that NHPTV has no current plans to sponsor any further debates among federal candidates.

Please address any questions concerning this request to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

January 24, 2000
Date

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Signature

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